



AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
GROUP 1651
PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Yoshiki TAKASHIMA, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/537,416

Confirmation No.: 6832

Group Art Unit: 1651

Filed: March 29, 2000

Examiner: S. SAUCIER

For: METHODS FOR PRODUCING OPTICALLY ACTIVE AMINO ACIDS

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

ATTN: BOX AF
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated December 4, 2001, in which the Examiner set a three month period for response.

A Petition for Extension of Time for one month is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, extending the time for response from March 4, 2002 to April 4, 2002.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1 and 5-8 without prejudice or disclaimer.

2. (twice amended) The method according to Claim 10, 11 or 12, wherein said optical isomer I is a D-form and said optical isomer II is a L-form.

3. (twice amended) The method according to Claim 10, 11 or 12, wherein said

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